



Application No. 10/656,972  
Amendment Prior to First Office Action  
Amendment dated 07 January 2004

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicant submits this Amendment Prior to First Office Action to effect amendments to the claims.

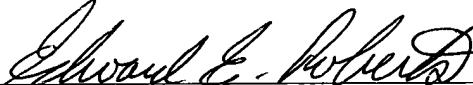
Claims 1 and 2 are amended and new claims 3-10 have been added to better point up applicant's claim of invention.

The DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY bearing the applicant's original signature is included herein to replace the copy originally submitted with the application.

In view of the above, applicant submits that the application is now in proper form and condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that claims now in the case, that is, claims 1-10, be allowed and the case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated 7 January 2004

  
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